103d CONGRESS H. R. 3841

AMENDMENT

In the Senate of the United States,

April 26 (legislative day, April 11), 1994.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3841) entitled "An Act to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide for interstate banking and branching", do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 TITLE I—INTERSTATE BANKING 2 AND BRANCHING

- 3 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This title may be cited as the "Interstate Banking and
- 5 Branching Act of 1994".
- 6 SEC. 102. INTERSTATE BANKING.
- 7 (a) In General.—Section 3(d) of the Bank Holding
- 8 Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842(d)) is amended to
- 9 read as follows:
- 10 "(d) State Boundaries.—

1	"(1) Approvals authorized.—
2	"(A) Acquisition of existing banks.—
3	The Board may approve an application under
4	this section to permit a bank holding company
5	that is adequately capitalized and adequately
6	managed to acquire control of, or all or substan-
7	tially all of the assets of, an existing bank lo-
8	cated outside of the home State of such bank
9	holding company.
10	"(B) Existing banks.—For purposes of
11	this subsection, a bank that does not open for
12	business and that has been chartered solely for
13	the purpose of acquiring control of, or all or sub-
14	stantially all of the assets of, an existing bank
15	shall be deemed to have been in existence for the
16	same period of time as the bank to be acquired.
17	"(C) Community reinvestment compli-
18	ANCE.—In determining whether to approve an
19	application under subparagraph (A), the Board
20	shall consider the applicant's record of compli-
21	ance with applicable Federal and State commu-
22	nity reinvestment laws.
23	"(D) STATE LAW.—Subject to paragraphs
24	(2), (4), and (6), a transaction approved under
25	subparagraph (A) may occur without regard to

1	whether such transaction is permitted under the
2	law of the State in which the bank to be acquired
3	is located.
4	"(2) Concentration and other limits.—The
5	Board may not approve an application under para-
6	graph (1)(A) if—
7	"(A) the applicant controls, or upon com-
8	pletion of the acquisition would control, more
9	than 10 percent of the total deposits held by in-
10	sured depository institutions in the United
11	States, as determined under regulations of the
12	Board;
13	"(B) the applicant controls, or upon com-
14	pletion of the acquisition would control, 25 per-
15	cent or more of the total deposits held by insured
16	depository institutions in the State in which the
17	bank to be acquired is located, as determined
18	under regulations of the Board, except that the
19	State bank supervisor may waive the applicabil-
20	ity of this clause on a case-by-case basis if such
21	waiver does not have the effect of discriminating
22	against out-of-State banks, out-of-State bank
23	holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof; or
24	"(C) the acquisition would result in the ap-
25	plicant directly or indirectly controlling a bank

1	that has been in existence for a shorter period of
2	time, if any, than is prescribed by the law of the
3	State in which such bank is located in effect on
4	the date on which the application is filed with
5	the Board, only if such State law—
6	"(i) does not prescribe a period of more
7	than 5 years; and
8	"(ii) does not have the effect of dis-
9	criminating among out-of-State banks, out-
10	of-State bank holding companies, or subsidi-
11	aries thereof. A State law in effect on the
12	date of enactment of the Interstate Banking
13	and Branching Act of 1994 that permits
14	bank holding companies from only a limited
15	number of States to acquire banks in exist-
16	ence for a specified length of time in that
17	State, shall be interpreted, under State and
18	Federal law, as permitting bank holding
19	companies from any State, to acquire a
20	bank in that State, under the terms and
21	conditions of such State law.
22	"(3) Exception.—The Board may approve an
23	application under paragraph (1)(A), notwithstanding
24	any provision of paragraph (2), if such application
25	involves the acquisition of one or more banks in de-

- 1 fault or in danger of default or with respect to which 2 the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation provides 3 assistance under section 13(c) of the Federal Deposit 4 Insurance Act.
 - "(4) No effect on antitrust laws.—Nothing in this subsection affects Federal or State antitrust laws that do not have the effect of discriminating against out-of-State banks, out-of-State bank holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof.
 - "(5) No effect on state tax authority.—No provision of this Act shall be construed as affecting the authority of any State or political subdivision of any State to adopt, apply, and administer any tax or method of taxation to any bank, bank holding company, or foreign bank or to any affiliate of any bank, bank holding company, or foreign bank to the extent that such tax or tax method is otherwise permissible by or under the Constitution of the United States or other Federal law.
 - "(6) Affect on State contingency laws.—
 Nothing in this subsection affects the applicability of
 a State law that makes an acquisition of a bank contingent upon a requirement to hold a portion of such
 bank's assets available for call by a State-sponsored
 housing entity established pursuant to State law, if—

1	"(A) the State law does not have the effect of dis-
2	criminating against out-of-State banks, out-of-State
3	bank holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof;
4	"(B) that State law was in effect as of the date
5	of enactment of the Interstate Banking and Branch-
6	ing Act of 1994;
7	"(C) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
8	has not determined that compliance with such State
9	law would result in an unacceptable risk to the ap-
10	propriate deposit insurance fund; and
11	"(D) the appropriate Federal banking agency for
12	such institution has not found that compliance with
13	such State law would place the institution in an un-
14	safe or unsound condition.".
15	(b) Technical and Conforming Amendments.—
16	Section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12
17	U.S.C. 1841) is amended by adding at the end the following
18	new subsections:
19	"(n) Incorporated Definitions.—For purposes of
20	this Act, the terms 'insured depository institution', 'appro-
21	priate Federal banking agency', 'in default', 'in danger of
22	default', and 'State bank supervisor' have the same mean-
23	ings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
24	"(o) Other Definitions.—For purposes of this
25	Act—

1	"(1) the 'home State' of a bank holding company
2	is the State in which the total deposits of its banking
3	subsidiaries were largest on July 1, 1966, or the date
4	on which such company became a bank holding com-
5	pany, whichever is later;
6	"(2) the 'home State' of a bank is—
7	"(A) in the case of a State bank, the State
8	in which it was chartered; and
9	"(B) in the case of a national bank, in the
10	State in which its main office is located; and
11	"(3) a bank holding company is 'adequately cap-
12	italized' if it meets or exceeds all applicable Federal
13	regulatory capital standards.''.
14	(c) Effective Date.—This section and the amend-
15	ments made by this section shall become effective 1 year
16	after the date of enactment of this Act.
17	SEC. 103. CONVERSION OF BANKS TO BRANCHES.
18	(a) In General.—Section 3 of the Bank Holding
19	Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842) is amended by add-
20	ing at the end the following new subsection:
21	"(h) Interstate Combinations.—
22	"(1) In general.—
23	"(A) Combinations authorized.—Begin-
24	ning on June 1, 1997, a bank holding company
25	having subsidiary banks located in more than 1

1	State may combine 2 or more of such banks into
2	a single, resulting bank by means of a merger,
3	consolidation, or other transaction approved by
4	the appropriate Federal banking agency.
5	"(B) Continued operations.—A resulting
6	bank may, subject to the approval of the appro-
7	priate Federal banking agency, retain and oper-
8	ate as branches the main offices and any
9	branches which, immediately prior to the trans-
10	action, were being operated by any combined
11	bank or the resulting bank.
12	"(C) Surrender of Charter After Com-
13	BINATION.—On the date on which a combination
14	authorized by this paragraph becomes effective,
15	the charters of the combined banks shall be sur-
16	rendered to the regulatory authority that issued
17	the charters.
18	"(2) APPLICABILITY.—A combination under
19	paragraph (1) may only be effected in the case of a
20	merger, consolidation, or other transaction that is un-
21	dertaken by a bank holding company that is ade-
22	quately capitalized and adequately managed.
23	"(3) Activities of the resulting bank.—
24	"(A) Additional branches.—Following
25	any combination effected under paragraph (1).

the resulting bank may establish, acquire, or operate additional branches at any location where the resulting bank or a combined bank could have established, acquired, or operated a branch under the applicable Federal or State law as if it had not been a party to such combination.

- "(B) Intrastate Branching.—Except as expressly provided in this subsection, nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to amend, repeal, or preempt, either expressly or by implication, any Federal or State law relating to the establishment, acquisition, or operation of intrastate branches by national or State banks.
- "(C) Conditions.—Prior to granting approval to effect a combination under paragraph (1), the appropriate Federal banking agency shall consider each bank's rating under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and the comments of the appropriate State bank regulatory authorities regarding each bank's compliance with applicable State community reinvestment laws.
- "(D) Imposition of shares tax by host states.—If any branch of an out-of-State bank established pursuant to paragraph (1) or sub-

paragraph (A) of this paragraph continues in operation, a proportionate amount of the value of the shares of the out-of-State bank may be subject to any bank shares tax levied or imposed by any host State or political subdivision thereof that imposes such tax based upon a method adopted by the host State, which could include allocation and apportionment.

"(4) ACTIVITIES OF BRANCHES.—A State bank that establishes one or more branches in accordance with paragraph (1) or paragraph (3)(A) may not conduct any activity at any branch located in a host State that is not permitted for banks chartered by such host State.

"(5) Applicable law.—

"(A) In general.—

"(i) National Bank Branches.—Any branch of a national bank that is established as the result of a combination in accordance with paragraph (1) or paragraph (3)(A) shall be subject to the laws of the host State, including those that govern intrastate branching, consumer protection, fair lending, and community reinvestment, as if it

1	were a branch of a national bank having its
2	main office in that State.
3	"(ii) State bank branches.—Any
4	branch of a State bank that is established as
5	the result of a combination in accordance
6	with paragraph (1) or paragraph (3)(A)
7	shall be subject to the laws of the host State,
8	including those that govern intrastate
9	branching, consumer protection, fair lend-
10	ing, and community reinvestment, as if it
11	were a branch of a bank chartered under the
12	laws of such State.
13	"(B) Filing requirement.—A host State
14	may require any bank located in another State
15	that wishes to establish a branch within the host
16	State as a result of a combination authorized by
17	paragraph (1) to comply with filing require-
18	ments that—
19	"(i) are not discriminatory in effect;
20	and
21	''(ii) are similar in their effect to and
22	are subject to similar sanctions as those
23	that are imposed on a corporation having
24	its main office in another State that is not

1	engaged in the business of banking and that
2	seeks to engage in business in the host State.
3	"(6) State election to prohibit interstate
4	COMBINATIONS.—
5	"(A) In general.—Paragraph (1) does not
6	apply to a bank holding company located in a
7	State that has enacted a law after the date of en-
8	actment of this subsection and prior to June 1,
9	1997, that applies equally to all out-of-State
10	banks, and that expressly prohibits interstate
11	combinations involving a bank located in the
12	State, as authorized under paragraph (1).
13	"(B) Effect of prohibition.—A bank lo-
14	cated in a State that has in effect a prohibition
15	described in subparagraph (A) may not be com-
16	bined, and shall have no authority to be com-
17	bined under paragraph (1), with a bank located
18	outside of that State.
19	"(C) Effect of state election.—A law
20	enacted by a State pursuant to subparagraph
21	(A) or paragraph (8) shall have no effect on com-
22	binations that were approved prior to the effec-
23	tive date or the date of enactment of such law,
24	whichever is later.

1	"(7) State election to permit interstate
2	COMBINATIONS.—A combination under paragraph (1)
3	may be undertaken prior to June 1, 1997, if each of
4	the States in which 1 or more banks that are to be
5	combined into a single, resulting bank is located has
6	in effect on the date on which the combination is ap-
7	proved a law that applies equally to all out-of-State
8	banks and that expressly permits interstate combina-
9	tions by national and State-chartered banks. A State
10	described in the preceding sentence may impose con-
11	ditions on the branch of the resulting bank located in
12	that State if—
13	"(A) the conditions do not have the effect of
14	discriminating against out-of-State banks, out-
15	of-State bank holding companies, or subsidiaries
16	thereof (other than on the basis of a reciprocal
17	treatment requirement);
18	"(B) the imposition of the conditions is not
19	preempted by Federal law; and
20	"(C) the conditions do not apply or require
21	performance beyond June 1, 1997.
22	"(8) Combinations after june 1, 1997.—A
23	State described in paragraphs (6) or (7) may elect at
24	any later time to permit or withdraw permission for
25	interstate combinations authorized under paragraph

1	(1) if such State enacts a law that applies equally to
2	all out-of-State banks and that expressly permits (or
3	withdraws permission for, as the case may be) inter-
4	state combinations by all national and State banks.
5	"(9) Limitations.—Nothing in this subsection—
6	"(A) affects Federal or State antitrust laws
7	that do not have the effect of discriminating
8	against out-of-State banks, out-of-State bank
9	holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof; or
10	"(B) affects section 5197 of the Revised
11	Statutes or section 27 of the Federal Deposit In-
12	surance Act.
13	"(10) Reservation of certain rights to
14	STATES.—Nothing in this subsection limits in any
15	way the right of a State to—
16	"(A) determine the authority of State banks
17	chartered in that State to acquire, establish, and
18	maintain branches; or
19	"(B) supervise, regulate, and examine State
20	banks chartered by that State.
21	"(11) No effect on state tax authority.—
22	No provision of this Act shall be construed as affect-
23	ing the authority of any State or political subdivision
24	of any State to adopt, apply, and administer any tax
25	or method of taxation to any bank, bank holding com-

1	pany, or foreign bank or to any affiliate of any bank,
2	bank holding company, or foreign bank to the extent
3	that such tax or tax method is otherwise permissible
4	by or under the Constitution of the United States or
5	other Federal law.
6	"(12) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
7	section—
8	"(A) the term 'combined bank' means any
9	bank participating in a combination under
10	paragraph (1), other than the resulting bank;
11	"(B) the term 'host State' means the State
12	in which a bank establishes or maintains a
13	branch other than the State in which the bank
14	is located and engaged in the business of bank-
15	ing;
16	"(C) a bank shall be deemed to be 'lo-
17	cated'—
18	"(i) in the case of a State bank, in the
19	State in which it was chartered; and
20	"(ii) in the case of a national bank, in
21	the State in which its main office is located;
22	"(D) the term 'resulting bank' means a
23	banking subsidiary of a bank holding company
24	that has resulted from a transaction effected
25	under paragraph (1) involving the combination

1	of 2 or more subsidiary banks of the bank hold-
2	ing company located in 2 or more States; and
3	"(E) the term 'State bank' has the same
4	meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit
5	Insurance Act.''.
6	(b) Conforming Amendment to the National
7	Bank Act.—Section 5155(c) of the Revised Statutes (12
8	U.S.C. 36(c)) is amended in the first sentence, by striking
9	"A national banking association" and inserting "Except as
10	provided in section 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act
11	of 1956, a national banking association".
12	SEC. 104. AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
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14 15 16 17	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMENDAMENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance
114 115 116 117 118	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at the end
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMEND-MENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs: "(3) COORDINATION OF EXAMINATION AUTHOR-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs: "(3) COORDINATION OF EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—
14 15 16 17	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS". (a) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs: "(3) COORDINATION OF EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.— "(A) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate State

1	from a combination effected under section 3(h) of
2	the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956—
3	"(i) for the purpose of determining
4	compliance with host State laws, including
5	those that govern banking, taxation, com-
6	munity reinvestment, fair lending,
7	consumer protection, and permissible activi-
8	ties; and
9	"(ii) to ensure that the activities of the
10	branch are not conducted in an unsafe or
11	unsound manner.
12	"(B) Enforcement.—In the event that the
13	State bank supervisor of the host State deter-
14	mines that there is a violation of the law of the
15	host State concerning the activities being con-
16	ducted by a branch described in subparagraph
17	(A), the State bank supervisor of the host State
18	may undertake such enforcement actions and
19	proceedings as would be permitted under the law
20	of the host State as if the branch were a bank
21	chartered by that host State.
22	"(C) Cooperative agreement.—The
23	State bank supervisors from 2 or more States
24	may enter into cooperative agreements to facili-
25	tate State regulatory supervision of State-char-

tered banks, including cooperative agreements relating to the coordination of examinations and joint participation in examinations.

"(D) Federal regulatory authority.—
Nothing in this subsection limits in any way the authority of the appropriate Federal banking agency to examine or to take any enforcement actions or proceedings against any bank or branch of a bank for which the agency is the appropriate Federal banking agency.

"(E) Review of interstate agreements.—If the appropriate Federal banking agency determines that the States have reached an agreement under subparagraph (C) that adequately protects the deposit insurance funds, the appropriate Federal banking agency may defer to State examinations of branches operated in the host State by out-of-State banks.

"(4) No effect on state tax authority.—No provision of this Act shall be construed as affecting the authority of any State or political subdivision of any State to adopt, apply, and administer any tax or method of taxation to any bank, bank holding company, or foreign bank or to any affiliate of any bank, bank holding company, or foreign bank to the extent

1	that such tax or tax method is otherwise permissible
2	by or under the Constitution of the United States or
3	other Federal law.''.
4	(b) National Banking Associations.—The Act enti-
5	tled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of national
6	banking associations", approved November 7, 1918 (12
7	U.S.C. 215 et seq.) is amended—
8	(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a) of the
9	first section, by inserting ", or in any State in which
10	a bank is authorized to engage in an interstate con-
11	solidation pursuant to section 3(h) of the Bank Hold-
12	ing Company Act of 1956," after "located in the same
13	State'';
14	(2) by inserting before the period at the end of
15	subsection (d) of the first section ", except that the ap-
16	plicability of State law to an interstate consolidation
17	undertaken in accordance with section 3(h) of the
18	Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 is determined in
19	accordance with the provisions of that section";
20	(3) by adding at the end of the first section the
21	following new subsection:
22	"(h) An interstate consolidation—
23	"(1) shall be undertaken under this section pur-
24	suant to the procedures, restrictions, and require-
25	ments—

1	"(A) set forth in section $3(h)$ of the Bank
2	Holding Company Act of 1956 as if such inter-
3	state consolidation were a combination under
4	that section; and
5	"(B) set forth in this section, to the extent
6	that such procedures, restrictions, and require-
7	ments are not inconsistent with those of section
8	3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956;
9	and
10	"(2) involving banks that are not affiliated (as
11	such term is defined in section 2 of the Bank Holding
12	Company Act of 1956) shall meet the requirements of
13	section 3(d) of the Bank Holding Company Act of
14	1956, as determined by the Comptroller of the Cur-
15	rency, as if such consolidation were an acquisition
16	under that section 3(d).";
17	(4) in the first sentence of section 2(a)—
18	(A) by striking ''under an agreement not
19	inconsistent with this Act,"; and
20	(B) by inserting "or within any State in
21	which a bank is authorized to engage in an
22	interstate merger pursuant to section 3(h) of the
23	Bank Holding Company Act of 1956," after "lo-
24	cated within the same State,";

1	(5) in the sixth sentence of section 2(d) by insert-
2	ing before the period ", except that the applicability
3	of State law to a merger undertaken in accordance
4	with section 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act
5	of 1956 is determined in accordance with the provi-
6	sions of that section";
7	(6) in section 2, by adding at the end the follow-
8	ing new subsection:
9	"(h)(1) An interstate merger—
10	"(A) shall be undertaken under this section
11	pursuant to the procedures, restrictions, and re-
12	quirements—
13	"(i) set forth in section 3(h) of the
14	Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 as if
15	such merger were a combination under that
16	section; and
17	"(ii) set forth in this section, to the ex-
18	tent that such procedures, restrictions, and
19	requirements are not inconsistent with those
20	of section 3(h) of the Bank Holding Com-
21	pany Act of 1956; and
22	"(B) involving banks that are not affiliated
23	(as such term is defined in section 2 of the Bank
24	Holding Company Act of 1956) shall meet the
25	requirements of section 3(d) of the Bank Holding

1	Company Act of 1956, as determined by the
2	Comptroller of the Currency, as if such merger
3	were an acquisition under that section $3(d)$.
4	"(2) Paragraph (1) shall apply to a State mem-
5	ber bank involved in an interstate merger on the same
6	terms and conditions and subject to the same proce-
7	dures, restrictions, and requirements as are applicable
8	to the consolidation of branches by a national bank-
9	ing association involved in an interstate merger.",
10	and
11	(7) in paragraph (4) of section 3, by inserting
12	"or within any State in which a bank is authorized
13	to engage in an interstate consolidation, merger, or
14	other transaction pursuant to section 3(h) of the Bank
15	Holding Company Act of 1956," after "within the
16	same State,".
17	SEC. 105. ACQUISITION OF INTERSTATE BRANCHES BY NA-
18	TIONAL AND STATE BANKS.
19	(a) Acquisition of Interstate Branches by
20	State Banks.—Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit In-
21	surance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended by adding at
22	the end the following new paragraphs:
23	"(4) Interstate branching by state
24	BANKS.—

"(A) In general.—Beginning on the date 1 2 of enactment of this paragraph, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a host State may, ex-3 pressly by statute and not merely by implica-4 tion, permit all out-of-State banks to acquire or 5 6 establish a branch in the host State on a basis that does not have the effect of discriminating 7 against out-of-State banks, out-of-State bank 8 holding companies, or subsidiaries thereof. A 9 branch established under this paragraph shall be 10 operated in accordance with the procedures, re-11 strictions, and requirements set forth in section 12 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, 13 and the provisions of that section shall apply to 14 the branch as if the branch resulted from a com-15 bination effected in accordance with paragraph 16 17 (1) of that section 3(h). 18 "(B) *FDIC* APPROVAL.—A State 19 nonmember bank may acquire, establish, and op-

"(B) FDIC APPROVAL.—A State nonmember bank may acquire, establish, and operate a branch under this paragraph only if the bank is adequately capitalized and adequately managed and with the prior consent of the Corporation.

24 "(5) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-25 section—

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1	"(A) the term 'host State' means a State in
2	which a bank acquires, establishes, or maintains
3	a branch, other than the State in which the bank
4	is located and engaged in the business of bank-
5	ing;
6	"(B) a bank shall be deemed to be 'lo-
7	cated'—
8	"(i) in the case of a State bank, in the
9	State in which it was chartered; and
10	"(ii) in the case of a national bank, in
11	the State in which its main office is located;
12	and
13	"(C) the term 'adequately capitalized' has
14	the same meaning as in section 38.''.
15	(b) Interstate Branching by National Banks.—
16	Section 5155 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 36) is
17	amended—
18	(1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h)
19	as subsections (e) through (i), respectively; and
20	(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following
21	new subsection:
22	"(d) Interstate Branching by National Banks.—
23	"(1) Approvals authorized.—Notwithstand-
24	ing any other provision of law, the Comptroller of the
25	Currency may approve an application under this

1	subsection for a national bank that is adequately cap-
2	italized and adequately managed to acquire or estab-
3	lish a branch in a host State if the host State ex-
4	pressly permits, pursuant to section 18(d)(4) of the
5	Federal Deposit Insurance Act, all out-of-State banks
6	to establish such branches. Each such branch shall be
7	operated in accordance with the procedures, restric-
8	tions, and requirements set forth in section 3(h) of the
9	Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the provi-
10	sions of that section shall apply to the branch as if
11	the branch resulted from a combination effected in ac-
12	cordance with paragraph (1) of that section 3(h).
13	"(2) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
14	section—
15	"(A) the term 'host State' means the State
16	in which a national bank establishes a branch
17	under paragraph (1); and
18	"(B) the term 'adequately capitalized' has
19	the same meaning as in section 38 of the Federal
20	Deposit Insurance Act.''.
21	SEC. 106. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT EVALUATION OF
22	BANKS WITH INTERSTATE BRANCHES.
23	(a) In General.—Section 807 of the Community Re-
24	investment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 2906) is amended by
25	adding at the end the following new subsections:

1	"(d) Institutions With Interstate Branches.—
2	"(1) State-by-state evaluation.—In the case
3	of a regulated financial institution that maintains
4	domestic branches in 2 or more States, the appro-
5	priate Federal financial supervisory agency shall
6	prepare—
7	"(A) a written evaluation of the entire in-
8	stitution's record of performance under this title,
9	as required by subsections (a), (b), and (c); and
10	"(B) for each State in which the institution
11	maintains 1 or more domestic branches, a sepa-
12	rate written evaluation of the institution's record
13	of performance within such State under this
14	title, as required by subsections (a), (b), and (c).
15	"(2) Multistate metropolitan areas.—In
16	the case of a regulated financial institution that
17	maintains domestic branches in 2 or more States
18	within a multistate metropolitan area, the appro-
19	priate Federal financial supervisory agency shall pre-
20	pare a separate written evaluation of the institution's
21	record of performance within such metropolitan area
22	under this title, as required by subsections (a), (b),
23	and (c). If the agency prepares a written evaluation
24	pursuant to this paragraph, the scope of the written

1	evaluation required under paragraph (1)(B) shall be
2	adjusted accordingly.
3	"(3) Content of state level evaluation.—
4	A written evaluation prepared pursuant to paragraph
5	(1)(B) shall—
6	"(A) present the information required by
7	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(1)
8	separately for each metropolitan area in which
9	the institution maintains 1 or more domestic
10	branch offices and separately for the remainder
11	of the nonmetropolitan area of the State if the
12	institution maintains 1 or more domestic branch
13	offices in such nonmetropolitan area; and
14	"(B) describe how the Federal financial su-
15	pervisory agency has performed the examination
16	of the institution, including a list of the individ-
17	ual branches examined.
18	"(e) Definitions.—For purposes of this section the
19	following definitions shall apply:
20	"(1) Domestic Branch.—The term 'domestic
21	branch' means any branch office or other facility of
22	a regulated financial institution that accepts deposits,
23	located in any State.
24	"(2) Metropolitan area.—The term metro-
25	politan area' means any primary metropolitan

1	statistical area, metropolitan statistical area, or con-
2	solidated metropolitan statistical area, as defined by
3	the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,
4	with a population of 250,000 or more, and any other
5	area identified by the appropriate Federal financial
6	supervisory agency.
7	"(3) State.—The term 'State' has the same
8	meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insur-
9	ance Act.".
10	(b) Separate Presentation.—Section 807(b)(1) of
11	the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C.
12	2906(b)(1)) is amended—
13	(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
14	(C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively;
15	(2) by striking "The public" and inserting the
16	following:
17	"(A) Contents of Written evalua-
18	TION.—The public"; and
19	(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20	paragraph:
21	"(B) Metropolitan area distinctions.—
22	The information required by clauses (i) and (ii)
23	of subparagraph (A) shall be presented sepa-
24	rately for each metropolitan area in which a reg-

1	ulated depository institution maintains one or
2	more domestic branch offices.''.
3	SEC. 107. FLEXIBILITY IN CHOOSING BOARDS OF DIRECT
4	TORS.
5	Section 5146 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 72)
6	is amended in the first sentence by striking "two-thirds"
7	and inserting "a majority".
8	SEC. 108. GAO REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION UNDER
9	INTERSTATE BRANCHING.
10	(a) In General.—The Comptroller General shall sub-
11	mit to the Congress, not later than 9 months after the date
12	of enactment of this Act, a report that—
13	(1) examines statutory and regulatory require-
14	ments for insured depository institutions to collect
15	and report deposit and lending data; and
16	(2) determines what modifications to such re-
17	quirements are needed, so that implementing the
18	interstate branching provisions contained in this Act
19	results in no material loss of information important
20	to regulatory or congressional oversight of insured de-
21	pository institutions.
22	(b) Consultation.—The Comptroller General, in pre-
23	paring the report required by this section, shall consult with
24	individuals representing the appropriate Federal banking

1	agencies, insured depository institutions, consumers, com-
2	munity groups, and other interested parties.
3	(c) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the
4	terms "appropriate Federal banking agency" and "insured
5	depository institution" have the same meanings as in sec-
6	tion 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
7	SEC. 109. MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE ON CERTAIN FmHA
8	LOANS.
9	(a) In General.—Section 307(a) of the Consolidated
10	Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1927(a)) is
11	amended—
12	(1) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking "Except"
13	and inserting "Notwithstanding the provisions of the
14	constitution or laws of any State limiting the rate or
15	amount of interest that may be charged, taken, re-
16	ceived, or reserved, except"; and
17	(2) in paragraph (5)—
18	(A) by striking "(5) The" and inserting
19	"(5)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph
20	(B), the"; and
21	(B) by adding at the end the following new
22	subparagraph:
23	"(B) In the case of a loan made under section 310B
24	as a guaranteed loan, subparagraph (A) shall apply not-
25	withstanding the provisions of the constitution or laws of

- 1 any State limiting the rate or amount of interest that may
 2 be charged, taken, received, or reserved.".
- *(b)* Effective Dates.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) in a State on or after the date of enactment of this Act.
 - (2) State option.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall not apply to a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in a State after the date (that occurs during the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act) on which the State adopts a law or certifies that the voters of the State have voted in favor of a provision of the constitution or law of the State that states that the State does not want the amendments made by subsection (a) to apply with respect to loans made, insured, or guaranteed under such Act in the State.
 - (3) Transitional period.—In any case in which a State takes an action described in paragraph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall

- 1 continue to apply to a loan made, insured, or guar-
- 2 anteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
- 3 velopment Act in the State after the date the action
- 4 was taken pursuant to a commitment for the loan
- 5 that was entered into during the period beginning on
- 6 the date of enactment of this Act, and ending on the
- 7 date on which the State takes the action.

8 TITLE II—BANK AND THRIFT

9 **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

- 10 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.
- 11 This title may be cited as the "Bank and Thrift
- 12 Statute of Limitations Clarification Act of 1994".
- 13 SEC. 202. AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
- 14 *ACT*.
- 15 Section 11(d)(14)(B)(i) of the Federal Deposit Insur-
- 16 ance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(d)(14)(B)(i)) is amended by in-
- 17 serting after "receiver" the following: ", regardless of wheth-
- 18 er the claim may have been barred under any otherwise
- 19 applicable statute of limitation at the date of such appoint-
- 20 ment, unless such claim was barred more than 5 years be-
- 21 fore the date of such appointment".
- 22 SEC. 203. APPLICABILITY.
- 23 The amendment made by section 202 shall apply to
- 24 all actions pending or brought by the Federal Deposit In-

1	surance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation
2	as conservator or receiver on or after August 9, 1989.
3	TITLE III—FINANCIAL SERVICES
4	SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.
5	This title may be cited at the "National Commission
6	on Financial Services Act".
7	SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
8	FINANCIAL SERVICES.
9	(a) Establishment.—There is established a commis-
10	sion to be known as the "National Commission on Finan-
11	cial Services" (hereafter in this title referred to as the
12	"Commission").
13	(b) Membership of the Commission.—
14	(1) Composition.—The Commission shall be
15	composed of 7 voting members and 3 nonvoting mem-
16	bers appointed as follows:
17	(A) Three voting members and 1 nonvoting
18	member to be appointed by the President.
19	(B) Two voting members and 1 nonvoting
20	member to be appointed jointly by the Majority
21	Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the
22	House of Representatives.
23	(C) Two voting members and 1 nonvoting
24	member appointed jointly by the Minority Lead-

1	er of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the
2	House of Representatives.
3	(2) Qualifications.—
4	(A) Voting members.—
5	(i) In general.—Voting members ap-
6	pointed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be
7	appointed from among individuals who are
8	users of the financial services system, and
9	shall include representatives of business, ag-
10	riculture, and consumers.
11	(ii) Prohibition.—No voting member
12	of the Commission shall be an employee of
13	the Federal Government or any State gov-
14	ernment.
15	(B) Nonvoting members.—Nonvoting
16	members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)
17	shall be appointed from among individuals who
18	are experts in finance or in the financial services
19	system.
20	(3) Appointment.—The appointment of the
21	members of the Commission shall be made not later
22	than June 30, 1994.
23	(4) Terms.—Members shall be appointed for the
24	life of the Commission.

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1	(5) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission
2	shall not affect the powers of the Commission and
3	shall be filled in the same manner in which the origi-
4	nal appointment was made.
5	(6) Chairperson.—The President shall des-
6	ignate 1 of the voting members of the Commission to
7	serve as the chairperson of the Commission (hereafter
8	in this title referred to as the "Chairperson").
9	(7) Initial meeting.—Not later than 30 days
10	after the date on which all members of the Commis-
11	sion have been appointed, the Commission shall hold
12	its first meeting.
13	(8) Meetings.—The Commission shall meet at
14	the call of the Chairperson.
15	(9) Quorum.—A majority of the members of the
16	Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser
17	number of members may hold hearings.
18	SEC. 303. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
19	(a) Study.—
20	(1) In general.—The Commission shall, after
21	consultation in accordance with paragraph (3), con-
22	duct a study of all matters relating to the strengths
23	and weaknesses of the United States financial services

system in meeting the needs of users of the system, in-

cluding all laws, regulations, and policies that govern

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1	part or all of the financial services industry or that
2	affect the ability of the financial services industry to
3	effectively and efficiently meet the needs of—
4	(A) the United States economy;
5	(B) individual consumers and households;
6	(C) communities;
7	(D) agriculture;
8	(E) small-, medium-, and large-sized busi-
9	nesses (including the need for debt, equity, and
10	other financial needs);
11	(F) governmental and nonprofit entities;
12	and
13	(G) exporters and other users of inter-
14	national financial services.
15	(2) Matters studied.—The study required
16	under paragraph (1) shall include consideration of—
17	(A) the changes underway in the national
18	and international economies and the financial
19	services industry, and the impact of such changes
20	on the ability of the financial services system to
21	efficiently meet the needs of the United States
22	economy and the users of the system during the
23	next 10 years and beyond;
24	(B) the adequacy of the existing framework
25	of Federal and State laws and regulations, and

1	the extent to which Federal laws and regulations,
2	in an efficient and cost-effective manner—
3	(i) achieve consumer protection objec-
4	tives;
5	(ii) promote competition and prevent
6	anticompetitive acts and practices or undue
7	concentration;
8	(iii) ensure that the financial services
9	are delivered in a nondiscriminatory and
10	cost-efficient manner; and
11	(iv) ensure access to the financial serv-
12	ices system for all potential users of the sys-
13	tem, regardless of where such users are lo-
14	cated; and
15	(C) the extent to which the Federal regu-
16	latory structure impacts the achievement of the
17	objectives in subparagraph (B).
18	(3) Consultation.—Consultation in accordance
19	with this paragraph means consultation with—
20	(A) the Board of Governors of the Federal
21	Reserve System;
22	(B) the Director of the Office of Thrift Su-
23	pervision;
24	(C) the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit
25	Insurance Corporation;

1	(D) the Comptroller of the Currency;
2	(E) the Secretary of the Treasury;
3	(F) the Secretary of the Department of
4	Housing and Urban Development;
5	(G) the Securities Exchange Commission;
6	(H) the Commodities Futures Trading
7	Commission;
8	(I) the Director of the Congressional Budget
9	Office; and
10	(J) the Comptroller General of the United
11	States.
12	(b) Recommendations.—Based on the results of the
13	study conducted under subsection (a), the Commission shall
14	develop specific recommendations for changes in laws and
15	regulations to improve the operation of the United States
16	financial services system, including needed changes in the
17	Federal legislative and regulatory policies and in the Fed-
18	eral regulatory structure that would enhance—
19	(1) the ability of the financial services system, or
20	any part thereof, to respond to the needs of all poten-
21	tial users of the system;
22	(2) the systemic safety of the financial services
23	system;
24	(3) the cost of financial services to users of the
25	system;

1	(4) the competitiveness of the various providers
2	of financial services;
3	(5) how funds are allocated to the financial serv-
4	ices system; and
5	(6) how funds are allocated by the financial serv-
6	ices system to users of the system or to specific cat-
7	egories of users.
8	(c) Report.—Not later than March 31, 1995, the
9	Commission shall submit to the President, the Speaker of
10	the House of Representatives, and the President pro tempore
11	of the Senate a report describing the activities of the Com-
12	mission, including the study conducted under subsection (a)
13	and any recommendations developed under subsection (b).
14	SEC. 304. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.
15	(a) Hearings.—The Commission may hold such hear-
16	ings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testi-
17	mony, and receive such evidence as the Commission consid-
18	ers advisable to carry out this section.
19	(b) Obtaining Official Data.—The Commission
20	may secure directly from any Federal department or agency

19 (b) Obtaining Official Data.—The Commission 20 may secure directly from any Federal department or agency 21 such information (other than information required by any 22 statute of the United States to be kept confidential by such 23 department or agency) as the Commission considers nec-24 essary to carry out its duties under this section. Upon the 25 request of the Chairperson, the head of that department or

- 1 agency shall furnish such nonconfidential information to
- 2 the Commission.
- 3 (c) Postal Services.—The Commission may use the
- 4 United States mails in the same manner and under the
- 5 same conditions as other departments and agencies of the
- 6 Federal Government.

7 SEC. 305. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.

- 8 (a) Compensation of Members.—Each member of
- 9 the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the
- 10 Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal
- 11 to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre-
- 12 scribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section
- 13 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including
- 14 travel time) during which such member is engaged in the
- 15 performance of the duties of the Commission. All members
- 16 of the Commission who are officers or employees of the Unit-
- 17 ed States shall serve without compensation in addition to
- 18 that received for their services as officers or employees of
- 19 the United States.
- 20 (b) Travel Expenses.—The members of the Commis-
- 21 sion shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem
- 22 in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of
- 23 agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
- 24 States Code, while away from their homes or regular places

1 of business in the performance of services for the Commis-2 sion.

- 3 *(c) STAFF.*—
- 4 (1) In General.—The Chairperson may, with5 out regard to the civil service laws and regulations,
 6 appoint and terminate an executive director and not
 7 more than 2 additional professional staff members to
 8 enable the Commission to perform its duties. The em9 ployment of an executive director shall be subject to
 10 confirmation by the Commission.
- (2) Compensation.—The Chairperson may fix 11 the compensation of the executive director and other 12 personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 13 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United 14 States Code, relating to the classification of positions 15 and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate 16 17 of pay for the executive director and other personnel 18 may not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Ex-19 ecutive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5. United 20 States Code.
- 21 (d) Detail of Federal Employees.—Upon the re-22 quest of the Chairperson, any Federal Government employee 23 may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, 24 and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil 25 service status or privilege.

- 1 (e) Procurement of Temporary and Intermit-
- 2 TENT Services.—The Chairperson may procure temporary
- 3 and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5,
- 4 United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not
- 5 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay
- 6 prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-
- 7 tion 5316 of title 5, United States Code.
- 8 (f) Administrative Support Services.—Upon the
- 9 request of the Chairperson, the Administrator of General
- 10 Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reimbursable
- 11 basis, the administrative support services necessary for the
- 12 Commission to carry out its responsibilities under this sec-
- 13 tion.
- 14 SEC. 306. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.
- 15 The Commission shall terminate 30 days after the date
- 16 of submission of the report required under section 303(c).
- 17 All records and papers of the Commission shall thereupon
- 18 be delivered by the Administrator of General Services for
- 19 deposit in the National Archives.
- 20 SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- 21 (a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-
- 22 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
- 23 *Act.*

1	(b) Availability.—Any sums appropriated under the
2	authorization contained in this section shall remain avail-
3	able, without fiscal year limitation, until expended.
4	TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS
5	SEC. 401. MOUNT RUSHMORE COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT.
6	(a) Distribution of Surcharges.—Section 8 of the
7	Mount Rushmore Commemorative Coin Act (104 Stat. 314;
8	31 U.S.C. 5112 note) is amended by striking paragraphs
9	(1) and (2) and inserting the following:
10	"(1) the first \$18,750,000 shall be paid during
11	fiscal year 1994 by the Secretary to the Society to as-
12	sist the Society's efforts to improve, enlarge, and ren-
13	ovate the Mount Rushmore National Memorial; and
14	"(2) the remainder shall be returned to the Fed-
15	eral Treasury for purposes of reducing the national
16	debt.''.
17	(b) Retroactive Effect.—If, prior to the enactment
18	of this Act, any amount of surcharges have been received
19	by the Secretary of the Treasury and paid into the United
20	States Treasury pursuant to section 8(1) of the Mount
21	Rushmore Commemorative Coin Act, as in effect prior to
22	the enactment of this Act, that amount shall be paid out
23	of the Treasury to the extent necessary to comply with sec-
24	tion 8(1) of the Mount Rushmore Commemorative Coin Act,
25	as in effect after the enactment of this Act. Amounts paid

1	pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be out of funds not
2	otherwise appropriated.
3	(c) Numismatic Operating Profits.—Nothing in
4	this section shall be construed to affect the Secretary of the
5	Treasury's right to derive operating profits from numis-
6	matic programs for use in supporting the United States
7	Mint's numismatic operations and programs or to allow the
8	distribution of operating profits from the Numismatic Pub-
9	lic Enterprise Fund to a recipient organization under any
10	numismatic program.
11	SEC. 402. SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING MULTILAT-
12	ERAL EXPORT CONTROLS.
	(a) Findings.—The Senate finds that—
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13 14 15 16 17 18	(1) the United States and its allies have agreed that as of March 31, 1994, the Coordinating Committee (hereafter referred to as "COCOM"), the multilateral body that controlled strategic exports to the former Soviet Union and other Communist States, ceased to exist;
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	(1) the United States and its allies have agreed that as of March 31, 1994, the Coordinating Committee (hereafter referred to as "COCOM"), the multilateral body that controlled strategic exports to the former Soviet Union and other Communist States, ceased to exist; (2) no successor has yet been established to re-
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	(1) the United States and its allies have agreed that as of March 31, 1994, the Coordinating Committee (hereafter referred to as "COCOM"), the multilateral body that controlled strategic exports to the former Soviet Union and other Communist States, ceased to exist; (2) no successor has yet been established to replace the COCOM;

- 1 (4) a critical element of the United States pro-2 posal for a successor to COCOM is that supplier na-3 tions agree on a list of militarily critical products 4 and technologies that would be denied to a handful of 5 rogue regimes;
 - (5) some allies of the United States oppose this principle and instead propose that such controls be left to "national discretion", effectively replacing multilateral export controls with a loose collection of unilateral export control policies which would be adverse for United States security and economic interests;
 - (6) multilateral controls are needed to thwart efforts of Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Libya, and other rogue regimes, to acquire arms and sensitive dual-use goods and technologies that could contribute to their efforts to build weapons of mass destruction; and
 - (7) the United States would be forced to make the difficult choice of choosing between unilateral export controls under the Export Administration Act of 1979, which would put American companies at a competitive disadvantage worldwide, or allowing exports that could seriously harm the national security interests of the United States.
- 24 (b) Sense of the Senate.—It is the sense of the Sen-

25 ate that—

1	(1) the President should work to achieve a clear-
2	ly defined and enforceable agreement with allies of the
3	United States which establishes a multilateral export
4	control system for the proliferation of products and
5	technologies to rogue regimes that would jeopardize
6	the national security of the United States; and
7	(2) the President should persuade allies of the
8	United States to promote mutual security interests by
9	preventing rogue regimes from obtaining militarily
10	critical products and technologies.
	Attest:

Secretary.

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